

For the Period April 19 to 25, 2016

Seeding has begun in the province, although many producers are still working fields and controlling weeds. Three per cent of the 2016 crop has been seeded, compared to the five-year (2011-2015) seeding average of less than one per cent.

Field conditions in the south have been generally favourable and many producers have been seeding for several weeks already. In the southwest, producers have eight per cent of the crop in the ground, while in the southeast, producers have four per cent seeded.

There is little, if any, crop in the ground in the other parts of the province. Producers in those regions will begin seeding in the next couple of weeks, weather and field conditions permitting.

Top soil conditions are generally good. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Parts of the southwestern and west-central regions received much-needed moisture earlier in the week in the form of snow and rain. Some areas received up to 40 mm of snow. In contrast, much of the east-central and northeastern regions are reporting excess moisture. Producers will need warm and dry weather before they can begin field work.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 31 per cent good, 35 per cent fair, 23 per cent poor and six per cent very poor. Many pastures are slow to green up and could use some moisture.

The weather has generally been favourable for spring calving.

One year ago

Two per cent of the 2015 crop had been seeded. Rain and snowfall was welcomed in much of the province, although it delayed seeding in some parts.

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In history

The provincial 20 year (1996 - 2015) average seeding progress for the last week in April is just under two per cent seeded. Six per cent was seeded within the first week in May.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan

Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas

Four per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southeastern region. Seeding is most advanced in Crop Districts 2A and 3ASE. Many producers have been working fields, controlling weeds and topdressing fertilizer on winter cereal crops. Warm weather is needed for general seeding to begin in the region.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to six mm in the Moose Jaw area. Since April 1, the Glenavon area has received 44 mm of precipitation, the greatest amount for the region.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and one per cent very short. Crop District 1B is reporting that 11 per cent and 10 per cent of the cropland and hay land and pasture, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. In contrast, CD 2A is reporting that 27 per cent of the cropland and 72 per cent of the hay and pasture land is short topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as six per cent excellent, 28 per cent good, 28 per cent fair, 36 per cent poor and two per cent very poor. Pastures are slow to green up due to cool temperatures and lack of moisture. There have been reports of inoculant and granular herbicide shortages in some areas. Strong winds have delayed pre-seed herbicide applications. Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, working fields, picking rocks and seeding.

Southwestern Saskatchewan

Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current, Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas

Warm and relatively dry weather over the past few weeks has allowed producers in the southwest to seed eight per cent of the 2016 crop. Crop District 4A is reporting that 15 per cent of the crop has been seeded, while 3BN and 4B are reporting 10 per cent. CDs 3AN and 3BS have six per cent seeded and 3ASW is reporting two per cent.

Rain and snow was received in some parts of the region earlier this week that will delay seeding for some producers. However, the moisture was welcome as field conditions were getting dry in many areas. Moisture ranged from trace amounts to 40 mm in the Climax area. The Climax area has also received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (76 mm) for both the region and the province.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as

60 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and eight per cent very short. CD 3BN is reporting that 42 per cent of the cropland and 52 per cent of the hay land and pasture are short topsoil moisture at this time. 3BN is also reporting that 14 per cent of the hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture, while 3BS is reporting 13 per cent to be very short topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as two per cent excellent, 24 per cent good, 52 per cent fair, 17 per cent poor and five per cent very poor. Warm weather is needed for pastures to green up as growth has been very slow. There have been reports of inoculant and granular herbicide shortages in some areas. Strong winds have delayed pre-seed herbicide applications. Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, spraying herbicides and moving cattle.

East-Central Saskatchewan

Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas

Cool temperatures and wet field conditions are delaying seeding in much of the east-central region. Seeding will begin in the coming weeks once the weather improves. Producers have been working fields, picking rocks and working on equipment in the meantime.

Some parts of the region received moisture last week, ranging from trace amounts to 12 mm in the Esterhazy area. This area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 with 27 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 12 per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Crop District 5A is reporting that 16 per cent of cropland acres and 13 per cent of hay land and pasture acres have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Pasture conditions are rated as eight per cent excellent, 24 per cent good, 38 per cent fair, 21 per cent poor and nine per cent very poor. Pasture growth has been slow and warm weather will be needed to help them green up. Farmers are busy getting equipment ready, moving cattle, hauling grain and controlling weeds.

West-Central Saskatchewan

Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas

Some producers have begun to seed, although general seeding will likely not begin for another week or two. Cool and windy weather has delayed field operations in much of the region and warm weather would be appreciated.

Rain and snow fell on some parts of the region earlier this week. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 27 mm in the Marengo area. Marengo is also reporting the greatest amount of precipitation received for the region since April 1 (27 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. At this time, Crop District 7B is reporting that 11 per cent of the cropland and 25 per cent of the hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture. A significant rain will be needed in the coming weeks to improve soil moisture conditions enough for seeding.

Pasture conditions are rated as 38 per cent good, 33 per cent fair, 27 per cent poor and two per cent very poor. Pastures have been slow to green up. Moisture and warm weather are needed to help plant growth. There have been several reports of inoculant and granular herbicide shortages across the region. There have also been reports of some producers harvesting crops that were left in the field last fall. Farmers are busy getting equipment ready, moving cattle, spreading fertilizer and controlling weeds.

Northeastern Saskatchewan

Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas

Fieldwork has begun in areas of the region that are dry enough to support equipment. General fieldwork and seeding will likely not begin for a couple more weeks once temperatures have warmed up. Some fields remain wet and soil temperatures are quite cool.

Very little moisture was received last week, with the Vonda area reporting one mm. Since April 1, the Nipawin area has received 44 mm of precipitation, the greatest amount for the region.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 21 per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus and 84 per cent adequate. Crop districts 8A and 8B are reporting that 25 per cent and 23 per cent, respectively, of cropland acres have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. CD 8A is also reporting that 25 per cent of hay land and pasture has surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as 14 per cent excellent, 37 per cent good, 22 per cent fair, 16 per cent poor and 11 per cent very poor. Pastures have been slow to green up and warm weather is needed to help plant growth. There have been reports of barley seed shortages in some areas of the region. Farmers are busy getting equipment ready, calving, attending auctions and hauling grain and fertilizer.

Northwestern Saskatchewan

Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas

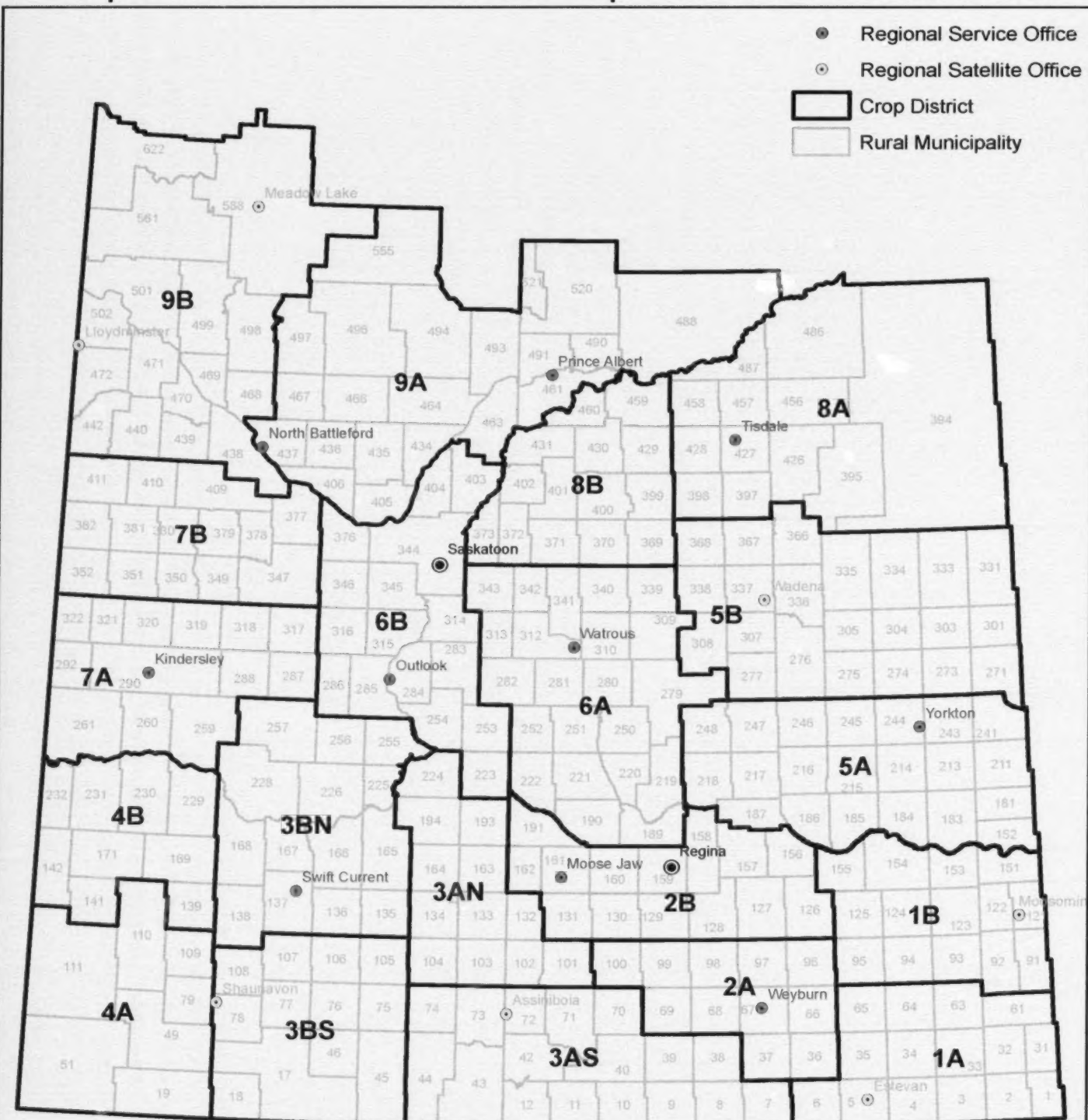
Cool conditions are delaying fieldwork in the region and most producers will likely not begin to seed for a couple more weeks.

Little rain was received this past week, with the Hafford area reporting 4 mm. Since April 1, the Meadow Lake area has received 20 mm of precipitation, the greatest amount for the region.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 97 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 86 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and seven per cent very short. At this time, Crop District 9B is reporting that 11 per cent of the hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture.

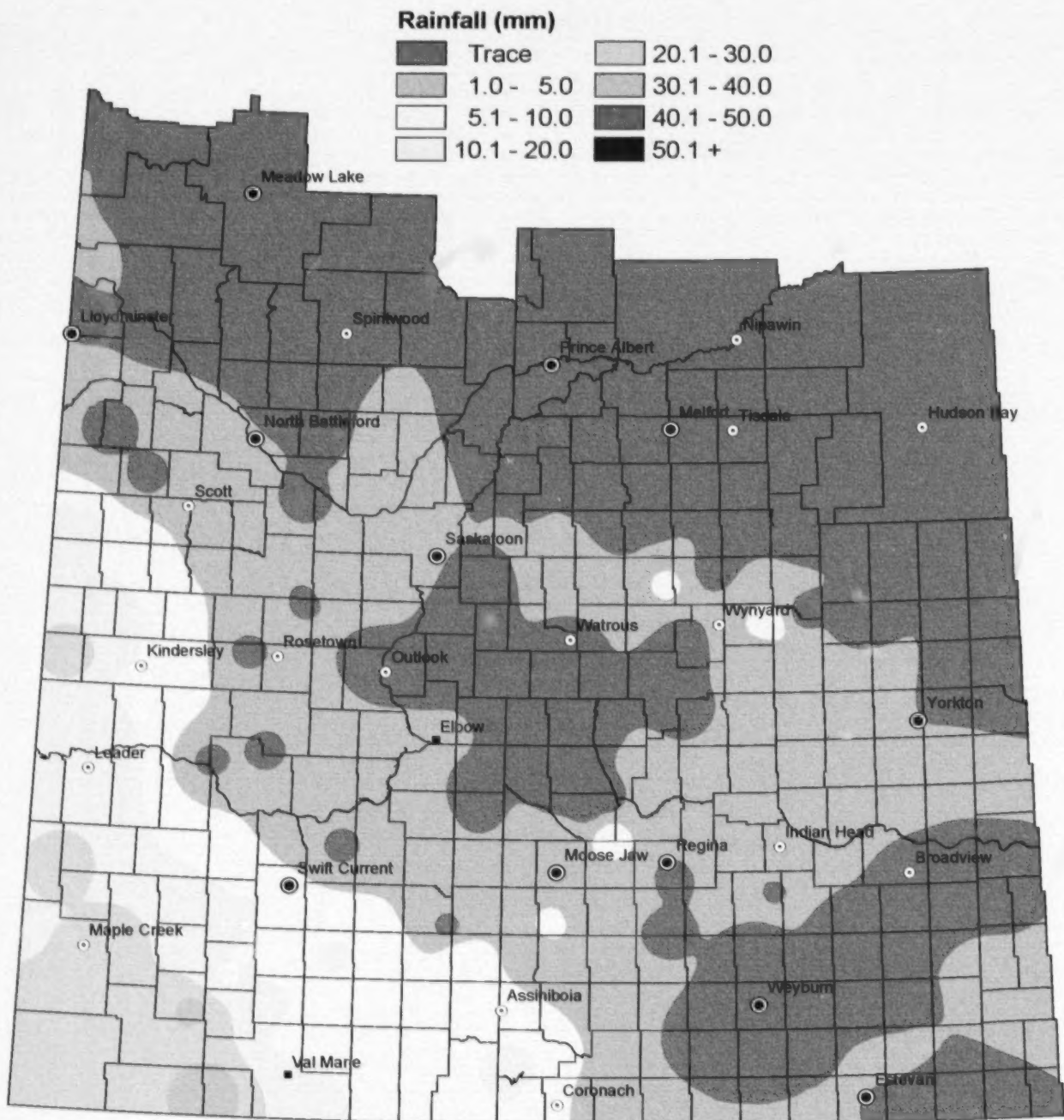
Pasture conditions are rated as 50 per cent good, 26 per cent fair, 12 per cent poor and 12 per cent very poor. Pastures have been slow to green up and moisture and warm weather will be needed to help plant growth. Farmers are busy getting equipment ready, moving cattle, spreading fertilizer, controlling weeds and working fields.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from April 19 to April 25, 2016



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 19 to 25, 2016

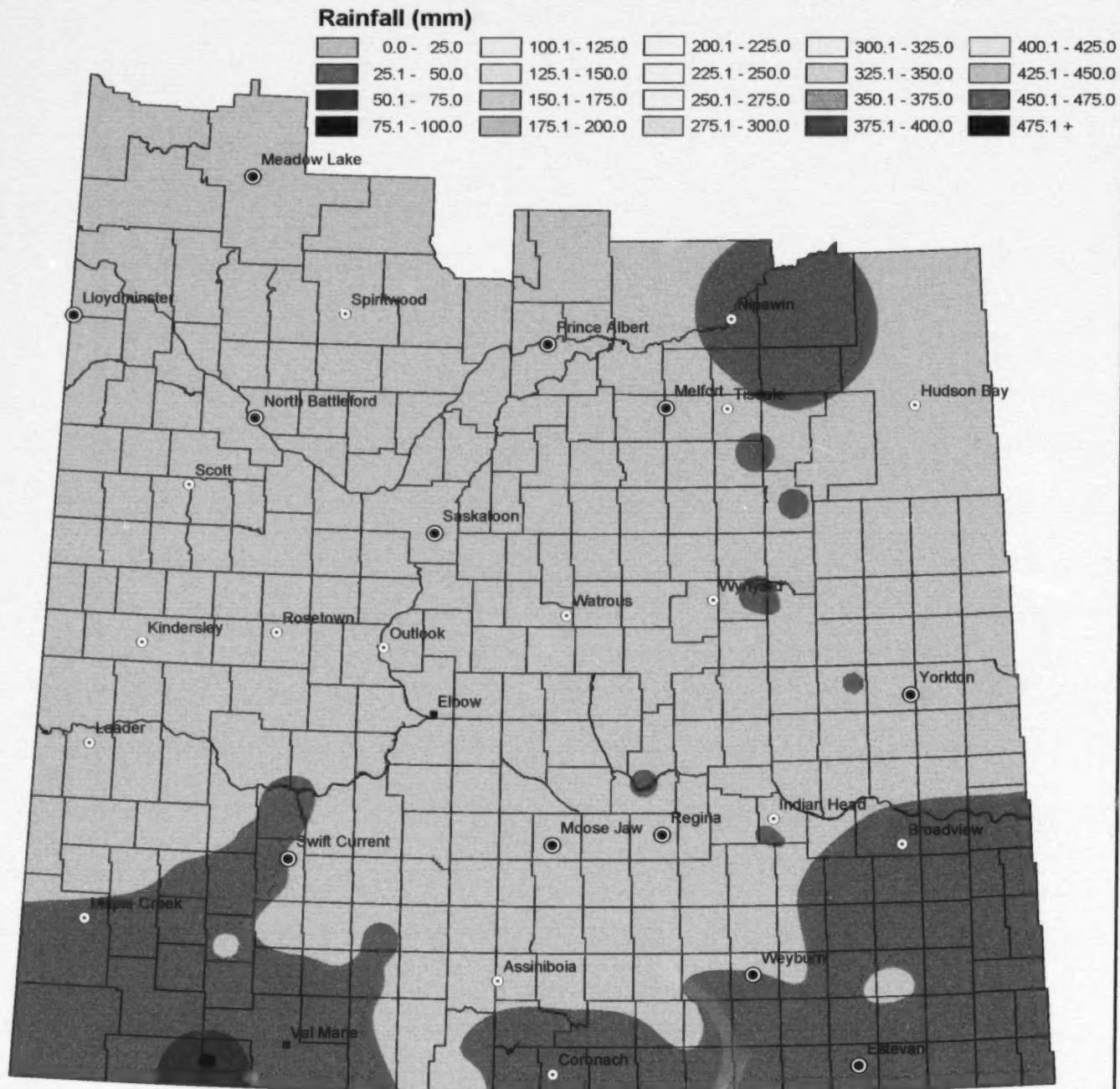
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	39	4A	49	White Valley	27	38	7A	287	St. Andrews	N/A	NIL
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	26		51	Reno	25.7	36.1		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	NIL
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	35	35		290 A	Kindersley	N/A	N/A
	34	Browning	2	27		109 A	Carmichael	N/A	9		290 B	Kindersley	7.8	7.8
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	11		290 C	Kindersley	9	9
	64	Brock	NIL	23		110	Piapot	25	25		292	Milton	27	27
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	45		111	Maple Creek	15	16.3		317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
1B	91	Maryfield	5	42	4B	139	Gull Lake	14	26		317 B	Marriott	NIL	NIL
	122	Martin	NIL	41		142	Enterprise	23	23		318	Mountain View	3	3
	123	Silverwood	NIL	37		231	Happyland	18	18		320 A	Oakdale	12.5	12.5
	124 A	Kingsley	NIL	39	5A	183	Fertile Belt	12	43		320 B	Oakdale	10	10
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		211	Churchbridge	5	31		321	Prairieville	18	18
	125 A	Chester	NIL	29		213	Salcoats	2	10	7B	347	Bigger	4	4
	125 B	Chester	NIL	44		241	Calder	N/A	NIL		350 A	Mariposa	N/A	NIL
	151	Rocanville	NIL	28		243	Wallace	NIL	15		350 B	Mariposa	5	5
	154	Elcabo	NIL	33		244	Orkney	1	8		351	Progress	7	8
	155	Wolesey	NIL	25		245 A	Gary	2	27		352	Heart's Hill	20	20
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	30		245 B	Gary	NIL	10		377	Glenside	NIL	NIL
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	26		245 C	Gary	5	16		378	Rosemount	NIL	3
	97	Wellington	NIL	10		246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	9		379	Reford	3	4
2B	127 A	Francis	0.5	19		247	Kellross	5	16		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	127 B	Francis	N/A	7.5		248	Touchwood	NIL	7		382	Eye Hill	12.7	15.2
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	7	5B	271	Cote	NIL	NIL		409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	131 A	Baldon	1	6		273	Sliding Hills	N/A	37		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	131 B	Baldon	6	10		277	Emerald	1	9	8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	22
	156 A	Indian Head	4.5	13.9		305	Invermay	NIL	15		397	Barrier Valley	NIL	26.7
	156 B	Indian Head	4	33		307	Elftos	9	38		428	Star City	N/A	32
	159	Sherwood	NIL	NIL		308 A	Big Quill	NIL	7		456	Arboretum	NIL	33
	160	Pense	N/A	NIL		308 B	Big Quill	NIL	25		457	Connaught	N/A	N/A
	161	Moose Jaw	3	9		331	Livingston	1.5	41		486	Moose Range	N/A	N/A
	162	Caron	4	16		336	Sasman	NIL	14		487	Nipawin	NIL	44
	191	Marquis	N/A	N/A		337	Lakeview	N/A	29	8B	389	St. Peter	NIL	7
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	32.8		338	Lakeside	NIL	22		370 A	Humboldt	NIL	7
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	19		366	Kelvington	NIL	18		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	10
	39	The Gap	NIL	30		367	Ponass Lake	NIL	23.5		371	Bayne	1	9
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	2	43	6A	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	15		372	Grant	1.1	7.4
	12	Poplar Valley	9	38		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	23		400	Three Lakes	NIL	17
	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 C	Dufferin	9	23		402	Fish Creek	NIL	7
	42	Willow Bunch	15	30		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	NIL		429	Flett's Springs	NIL	8
	43	Old Post	5	23		219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	2		459	Kinistino	NIL	10
	73 A	Stonehenge	5	19		219 B	Longlaketon	1	28		460	Birch Hills	NIL	4.3
	73 B	Stonehenge	6	22		220	McKillop	NIL	5	9AE	488	Torch River	N/A	N/A
3AN	101	Terrell	N/A	N/A		221 A	Sarnia	NIL	11.4		520	Paddockwood	NIL	14.5
	102	Lake Johnston	4.1	10.4		221 B	Sarnia	NIL	10		521	Lakeland	NIL	14.5
	103	Sutton	8	8		222	Craik	NIL	13	9AW	406	Mayfield	1	1
	132 A	Hillsborough	4.5	12.5		251	Big Arm	NIL	NIL		435	Redberry	4	4
	132 B	Hillsborough	5	18		252	Arm River	NIL	16		436	Douglas	NIL	NIL
	134	Shamrock	NIL	17		279	Mount Hope	0.8	3.1		463	Duck Lake	NIL	1
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	7		282	McCraney	NIL	14		467 A	Round Hill	NIL	6
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	8		312	Morris	NIL	2		467 B	Round Hill	NIL	NIL
3BS	17	Val Marie	7.4	34.9		313	Lost River	N/A	N/A		494	Canwood	N/A	17
	18	Lone Tree	40	76.4		339	Leroy	6.4	21.2	9B	438	Battle River	N/A	NIL
	75	Pinto Creek	6	26		340	Wolverine	3	7		440	Hillsdale	NIL	4
	76	Auvergne	N/A	N/A		341	Viscount	3	12		442	Manitou Lake	1	5.9
	77	Wise Creek	13	39		343	Blucher	NIL	4		498 A	Parkdale	N/A	1
	78	Grassy Creek	25	37.6	6B	223 A	Huron	N/A	12		498 B	Parkdale	NIL	NIL
	105	Glenbain	7	27		223 B	Huron	NIL	6.5		499 A	Mervin	1	5
	106	Whiska Creek	11	22		284	Rudy	NIL	11		499 B	Mervin	N/A	N/A
	107	Lac Pelletier	5	19		285 A	Fertile Valley	NIL	NIL		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	7
	108	Bone Creek	9	24		285 B	Fertile Valley	NIL	4		501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	4
3BN	138 A	Webb	10.5	36.5		286	Milden	N/A	NIL		501 C	Frenchman Butte	2	2
	138 B	Webb	4	26		314	Dundurn	NIL	7		502	Britannia	NIL	NIL
	166	Excelsior	NIL	12		344	Corman Park	1	1		561	Loon Lake	NIL	10
	167	Sask. Landing	1.4	38		346	Perdue	4	4		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	20
	168 A	Riverside	6	26		376	Eagle Creek	NIL	NIL		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	14
	168 B	Riverside	5	7		403	Rosthern	NIL	NIL		622	Beaver River	N/A	N/A
	226	Victory	N/A	N/A										
	228	Lacadena	NIL	NIL										
	257	Monet	NIL	1										

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Cumulative Rainfall

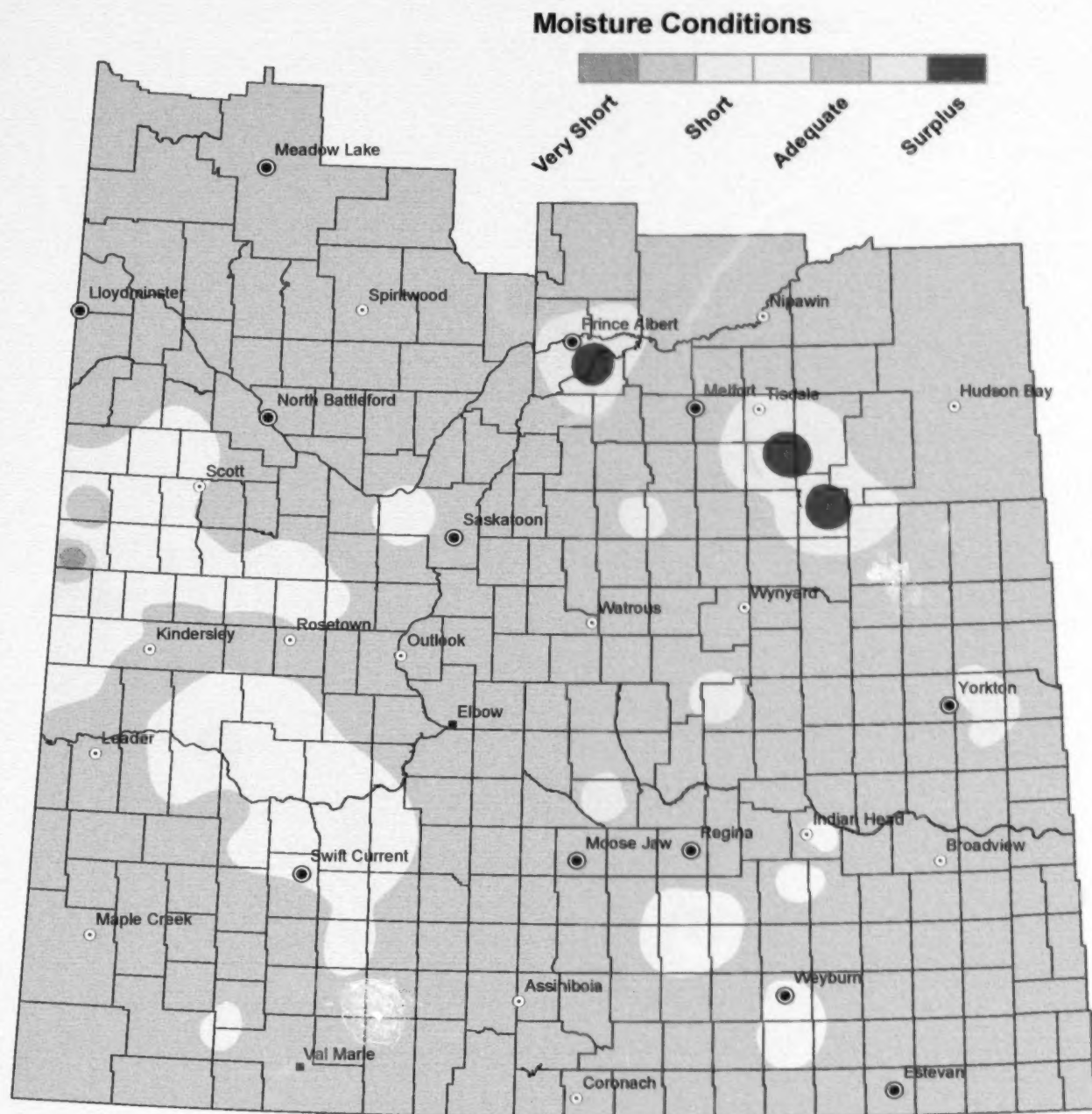
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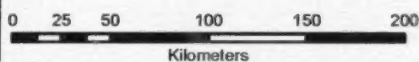
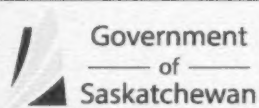
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 25, 2016



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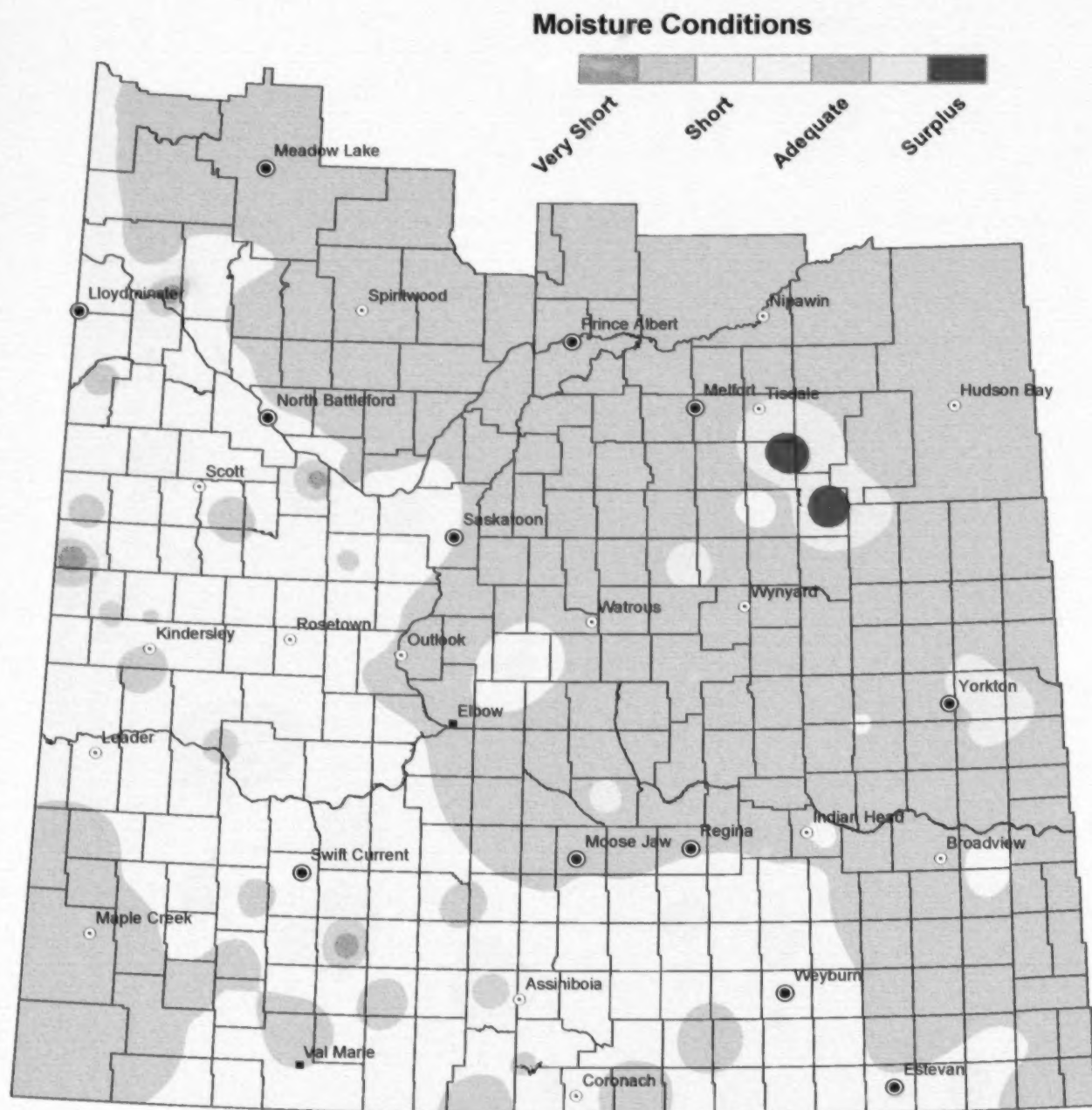


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Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 27, 2016

Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 25, 2016



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